

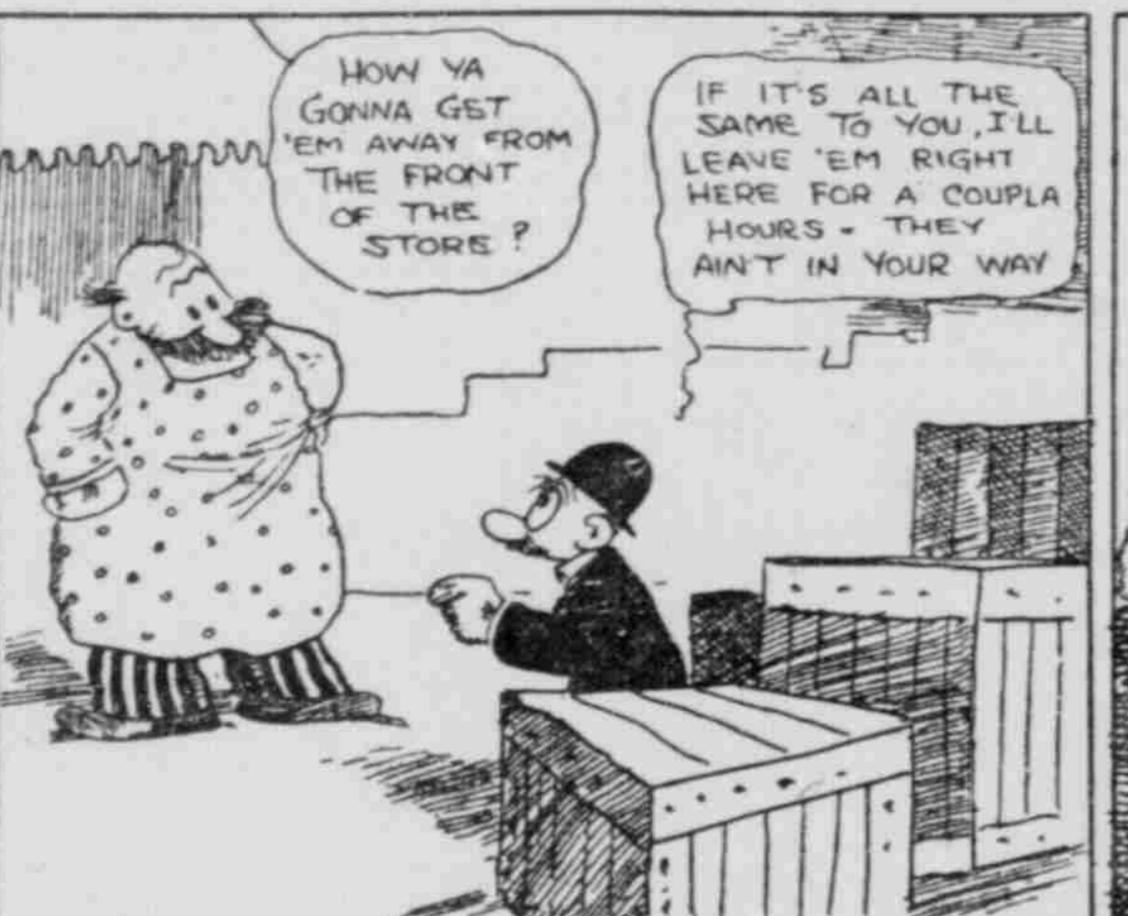
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## BARNEY GOOGLE



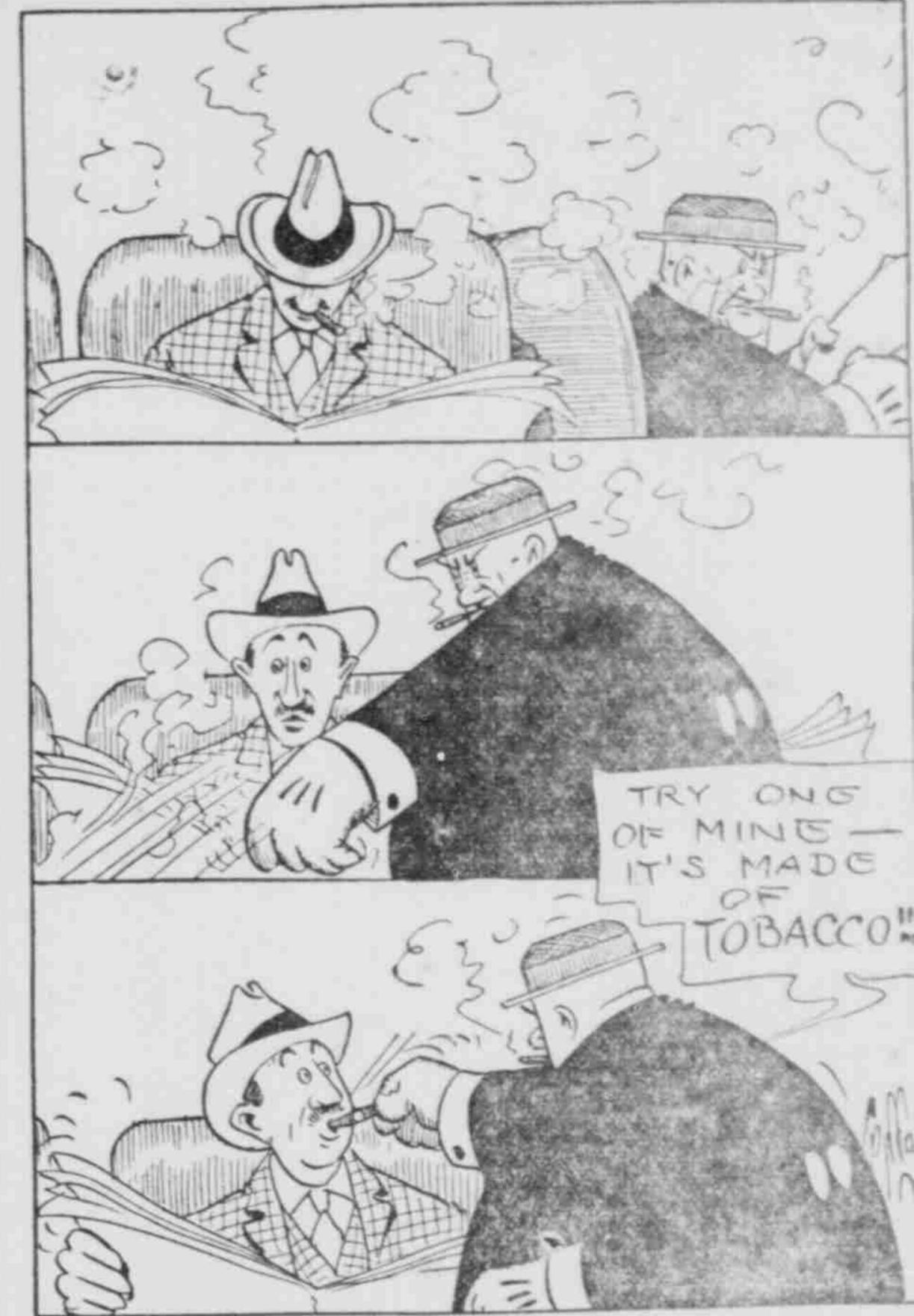
## BARNEY'LL BE A MILLIONAIRE SOME DAY

(By Billy DeBeck)



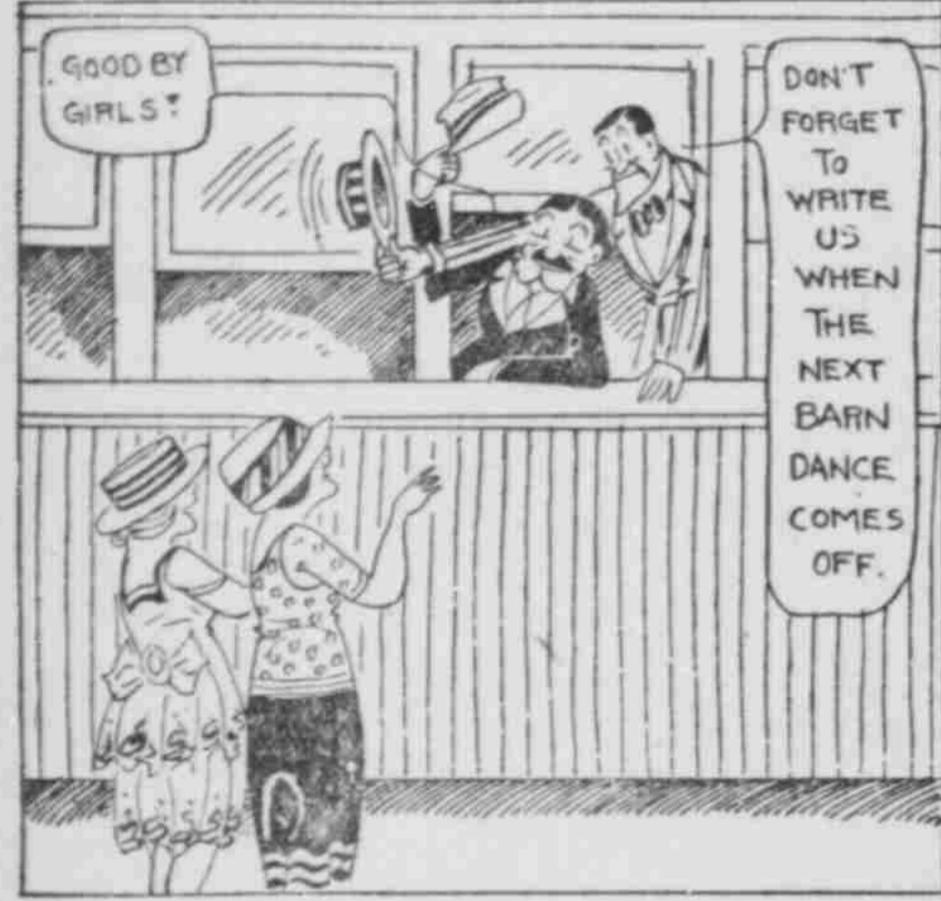
EVERETT TRUE

By CONDO



TRY ONCE  
OF MINE—  
IT'S MADE  
OF TOBACCO

## PERCY AND FERDIE



## SOLID IVORY

By MacGill

## TOOTS AND CASPER



## IT COULD BE EITHER

(By J. E. Murphy)

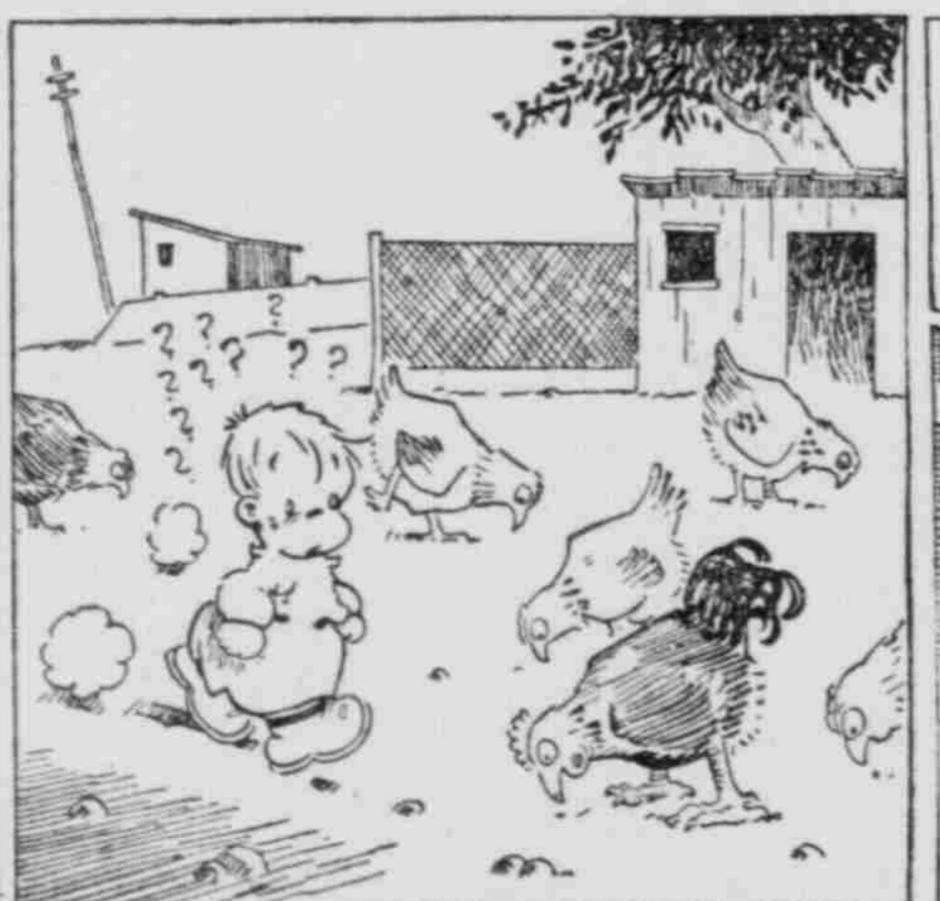
## POLLY AND HER PALS



## PA EVIDENTLY HAD BEEN MISDIRECTED

(By Cliff Sterrett)

## FRECKLES



## THEY DID THEIR BEST!

(By Blosser)

## THE DUFFS



## TOM'S VACATION IS OVER

(By Allman)

## Average Indiana Phone Call Costs Less Than 2 Cents

Talks in July on Bell Lines  
Total 26 Million—Errors  
Two Percent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 14.—The average telephone user in Indiana puts in at least three calls a day for which he pays a little less than two cents a call. These are the statistics of Frank Wampler, general manager of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. Mr. Wampler is gathering statistics on the service performed by his company for submission to the Indiana Public Service commission in connection with the application for increased rates.

"The average citizen nowadays," says Mr. Wampler, "takes his public utility service for granted and never thinks about them except when he is paying his bills or is asked to pay a little higher rate for indispensable service. Going over books, however, we find several interesting side lights on the way in which the public relies on at least one of its public utilities."

**36 Million Calls a Month.**  
In arriving at the estimate that the average user puts in at least three calls per day, Mr. Wampler took the total business done by his company in July. In that month the company handled 26,204,839 telephone calls in Indiana. It has 173,460 telephones in use and the process of division shows roughly 150 calls per telephone. In June there were approximately 25,000,000 local calls and the company's total revenue was less than half a million dollars, showing that the average income to the company per call is less than two cents.

People who criticize the telephone operators for mistakes will be surprised to find that the average of errors in the system is only slightly over two per cent, or roughly one number wrong in every 5 calls. In Indianapolis the average is a little

higher than that for in June the company in this city handled 15,400,000 calls with three per cent of error. On the other hand 16 per cent of these calls were answered in 10 seconds or less.

### Good Record Claimed.

"Ninety-six per cent in 10 seconds and 97 per cent perfect service is, we think, a good record," said Mr. Wampler. "We are working all the time to improve the service and the public can help us by the very simple process of sitting near the mouthpiece. An inch means 120 miles of wire in telephone conversation. If one talks at a distance greater than one inch such sounds as those made by the letters b, c, p, d, s and z are transmitted poorly. If at less distance, say about half an inch, such nasal sounds as the letters m and n enter the transmitter in such a way as to be indistinct to the person at the other end of the line. If the people who use telephones will cooperate by trying to speak at a distance of one inch from the mouthpiece, and speak plainly, we can improve the service substantially."

### ADOLPH ZUKOR SETS

### NEW INSURANCE MARK

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Adolph Zukor, head of the Famous Players Film Corporation, has insured his life with a series of policies aggregating \$2,000,000 in favor of his firm. It was learned Sunday. This is thought to be the largest single risk ever taken on an individual in this country.



Capital \$20,000,000

### COAL

"A full coal bin makes the heart glad." Put your coal in now while the price and the weather are in your favor. Take no more chances. It may prove expensive. We will furnish the money. Main 1746.

### State Loan Co.

Established 1905  
Suite 3, Merchants Bank Bldg.  
211 S. Michigan Open 8 to 5:30

## ICE EXTRA

Our New Telephone  
Two Trunk Lines  
Main 302

### ARTIFICIAL ICE CO.

## JACOB HOFFMANN COAL

"Exide" BATTERIES  
A Size for Every Car  
Recharging & Recharging  
Hagedorn & Webster  
DISTRIBUTORS  
216-22 E. JEFFERSON BLVD.

## OUR COAL MAKES WARM FRIENDS

## COAL

KNOBLOCK & MARTIN

### PROPOSALS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

City of South Bend, Indiana, Department of Public Works.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Department of Public Works of the City of South Bend, Ind., up to 10 o'clock A.M. of the 23rd day of August, 1921, for the execution of certain work for the improvement of the streets, alleys, and public highways of such city, and also for the repair and maintenance of the same upon any street, alley or highway of the city of South Bend, along or adjacent to any property owned, leased, managed or controlled by them.

Section Three. Any person or persons firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, be fined in any sum, not less than \$25 and not more than \$100, for each and every offense and each day during which the offense continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense and punished accordingly.

Section Four. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and legal publication.

Attest: FRANK S. BILINSKI, City Clerk.

FRANK R. WISNEWSKI, President of Common Council.

Presented by the Mayor of the City of South Bend, Indiana, Aug. 9th, 1921.

FRANK R. CARSON, Mayor.

Approved and signed by me, Aug. 19th, 1921.

FRANKLIN R. CARSON, Mayor.

Aug. 23d.

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Board of Public Works.  
G. A. ELLIOTT,  
HARVEY F. ROSTISLER,  
JOHN F. DE BERNARD,  
Veronica C. SWEENEY, Clerk of Board.

Aug. 23d.